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¶1. In reply to ref A demarche February 3, Gaddam Dharmendra, Director of the Ministry of External Affairs Disarmament and International Security Affairs division (MEA/DISA), reaffirmed India's commitment to participate in the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT) and said he would inform Post once the Indian government designates the appropriate official to attend the Model Guidelines Document follow-on workshop.

¶2. Dharmendra also shared that India was unlikely to host any Global Initiative activities or exercises of its own this year. He explained that 2009 is the birth centenary of Dr. Homi Bhabha, the father of India's nuclear program, and that the DISA division will be fully occupied with events commemorating the occasion, including possibly a visit from International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Mohamed ElBaradei or his successor. Post will continue to encourage India's active engagement in the Global Initiative.

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